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| 9/17 | *The Widow’s Broom*  Chris Van Allsburg | 1 | 28 | What is a widow? |
| 9/17 | *The Widow’s Broom*  Chris Van Allsburg | 1 | 28 | A widow is a woman whose husband has died. |
| 9/17 | *The Widow’s Broom*  Chris Van Allsburg | 1 | 28 | Why does the broom have an axe in its hand? |
| 9/17 | *The Widow’s Broom*  Chris Van Allsburg | 1 | 28 | The picture of the broom with the axe reminds me of the Disney movie *Fantasia*. |
| 9/17 | *The Widow’s Broom*  Chris Van Allsburg | 1 | 28 | The picture of the witch with her hand reminds me of *The Wizard of Oz*. |
| 9/17 | *The Widow’s Broom*  Chris Van Allsburg | 1 | 28 | Will the witch return to retrieve her broom?  Did she leave the broom on purpose? |
| 9/17 | *The Widow’s Broom*  Chris Van Allsburg | 1 | 28 | I think the broom is great because it is helping Minna Shaw with her chores around the house. I would like a broom like this to help me. |
| 9/17 | *The Widow’s Broom*  Chris Van Allsburg | 1 | 28 | I think that Minna Shaw’s neighbor, Mr. Spivey will make Minna Shaw destroy the broom because he said that the witch’s broom is a wicked, wicked thing, the devil. |
| 9/17 | *The Widow’s Broom*  Chris Van Allsburg | 1 | 28 | Why do the Minna’s neighbors who are men think the broom is evil, but the women think it’s a great help? |
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| 9/17 | *The Widow’s Broom*  Chris Van Allsburg | 1 | 28 | I’m beginning to think that the Spiveys are the evil ones in the story, not the broom, because the boys bullied the broom. |
| 9/17 | *The Widow’s Broom*  Chris Van Allsburg | 1 | 28 | Why does Mr. Spivey have a wooden stake and coils of rope? |
| 9/17 | *The Widow’s Broom*  Chris Van Allsburg | 1 | 28 | The neighbor men wrapped a stake around the broom with a rope in order to burn the broom. |
| 9/17 | *The Widow’s Broom*  Chris Van Allsburg | 1 | 28 | I predict that the witch is going come back and help the ghost of her broom bother the Spiveys because Mr. Spivey burned her broom. |
| 9/17 | *The Widow’s Broom*  Chris Van Allsburg | 1 | 28 | Who do you think is a better person the widow (Minna Shaw) or Monsieur Bibot? Why? |
| 9/17 | *The Widow’s Broom*  Chris Van Allsburg | 1 | 28 | Minna Shaw painted the broom white to trick her neighbors that the broom was a ghost. |
| 9/17 | *The Widow’s Broom*  Chris Van Allsburg | 1 | 28 | A kind, elderly widow finds a magical, witch’s broom that helps her with chores and her obnoxious neighbors.  . |